



In recent years we have all had to learn to live with 'voice mail' as a necessary part of modern life. Sometimes it can be hard to get a human being on the other end of the telephone. The endless repetition of options and reassurances can be frustrating. But let's think about what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail in Heaven.

Imagine praying and hearing this: 'Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options: 1 for Requests; 2 for Thanksgiving; 3 for Complaints; 4 for All Other Inquiries.' And, what if God used the familiar excuse, 'I'm sorry, we're busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us, so please stay on the line and we will attend to you as soon as possible.'

Worse still, imagine if we heard, 'Our computers show that you have already prayed THREE times today; Please hang up and try again tomorrow,' or, 'This office is closed for the Sabbath, please pray again on Monday at 12.01am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local Priest, Rabbi or Imam.'

The readings from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel of John all involve call and response. The first reading plays out what many people think the call of God is like – a booming voice telling us what to do. John's Gospel is more subtle. The earliest apostles are called in two ways and neither of them involves loud voices with grand requests. Andrew follows Jesus because of what John the Baptist says. Simon Peter comes to Jesus through word-of-mouth, his brother Andrew's recommendation.

What these readings collectively indicate is the various ways in which people are drawn into the life and service of God. Sometimes, because we want certainty, we hope and long for a more dramatic indication of God's will. Some people get it. Mostly, however, the experience of Andrew and Simon Peter is the more common one. We follow our desires, play our hunches and pursue what intrigues us. As time goes on, our experience indicates the path that will lead to the most hopeful, faithful and loving choice. What is especially encouraging about the Gospel is that Andrew goes after whatever it is that Jesus has. He lives with, or experiences, Jesus' company for a day and then becomes his recruiting officer.

In so many ways, of course, things are different for us now. Rather than us seeking out where Jesus lives, we are given opportunities to experience his life, and invite him to come and make a home with us. But whatever the differences in the process, the end result is the same. Just as Samuel, Andrew and Peter could have no idea where their response to God's call would lead them, so we cannot either. All we know is that it will cost us something, maybe everything.

Responding to God's call in Christ is not for the faint hearted and we shouldn't pretend it is. It involves loving our enemies, working for peace, forgiving those who have wronged us, and making the world a just place for all God's children. If these charges make no claim on us in our daily lives, then, chances are, we are listening to voices that endlessly give us the runaround, rather than being hooked up to the source of life which makes sense and gives meaning to all our connections in this world and the next.

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Parish Mass Times – (Please note change of Mass times) Bookings for Sunday Mass essential

St. Joseph the Worker Church
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Masses
7:00am & 8:30am
(Please book on line)

Weekday Masses
Monday & Wednesday
7:00am
(No need to book for weekday Mass)

Gold Coast University Hospital
Friday Rosary 10.00am
Mass Friday 10:30am

Guardian Angels' Church
99 Scarborough St., Southport

Saturday & Sunday Masses
Reconciliation : 4.30pm
Saturday (Vigil) 5.30 pm
Sunday 7:00am & 9:00am
(Please book on line)

Prayers & Adoration
Wednesday 12.00noon – 1.00pm

Weekday Mass
Friday 12:30pm
(No need to book for weekday Mass)

Mary Immaculate Church
31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Saturday & Sunday Masses
Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm
Sunday 9:00am & 5.30pm, including
the Korean Mass
(Please book on line)

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 9:00am
Thursday 9:00am
No need to book for weekday Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Guardian Angels Church 4.30pm

Sacramental Preparation



AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2021.

The Sacramental programs for 2021 begin with **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**. Through this Sacrament children who are at least 10 years of age in 2021 (School Year 5) will experience God's merciful love which heals wounds of our sins and wrong choices.

The online registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Monday, 18th January 2021 and close on Friday, 12th February 2021.

At the completion of this program, children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite) between the 15th - 19th of March 2021 in the afternoon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Program will prepare the children for their **First Holy Communion** and will commence in Term 2, 2021. The program will be available to children who are 9 years of age (School Year 4) or older.

The online registration for this program will open on Monday, 22nd March 2021 and close on Friday, 23rd April 2021.

At the completion of this Program, the children will receive their First Holy Communion at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore on June 2021.

The Candidates for this Sacrament must be a Baptised Catholic, and **at least one parent must be a Baptised Catholic**. Those candidates who are unsure if they qualify, please contact Maria Blancia on 5510 2222.

AUSTRALIA DAY, TUESDAY 26 JAN 2021

Mass at 9am will be celebrated at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore with morning tea after.
All are welcome

CHURCH FLORAL DISPLAY. If you have a love of flowers and would like to help with this rewarding ministry we are seeking regular volunteers to assist with floral arrangements (weekdays) for our churches. Please contact Paula on 0412 007648 for more information or the parish office on 5510 2222.

NAME BADGES. We are now ordering name badges for anyone in the parish who would like one. The cost is \$10. please call the parish office on 5510 2222 to order your badge.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION. is on every **Wednesday** at **Guardian Angels** Church. Commencing 12 noon sharp and finishing at 1:00pm. No need to book, please drop in for some time praying with Our Eucharistic Lord.

Walking Group. At **St Joseph the Worker, Imperial Parade, Labrador. Saturday at 6am.** Interested persons wishing to join us should ring **Janece on 0408 763 772.**



CALL TO ALL CATHOLICS

In February and March 2021, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be **inviting all Baptised Catholics to consider their baptismal call to mission** through an advertising campaign, **the Call To All Catholics**.

The advertising will particularly be reaching out to those who are disconnected from the Church and their faith. We are being invited to get involved by:

1. Giving fliers to loved ones who have become disconnected from the Church (fliers will be delivered in January)
2. Signing up for the prayer campaign to pray for those who will witness the advertising
3. Volunteer to accompany those who respond to the call to go on the journey
4. Be a welcoming presence to new faces in the pews

The campaign will officially launch on Word of God Sunday (Sunday 7th February), marked by a video homily given by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

To find out more, go to <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic/>

**Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1
1st Reading – Jonah 3:1-5, 10 - 2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel - Mark 1:14-20**

**STOPLINE RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE,
MISCONDUCT & SERIOUS POLICY BREACHES BY ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY, EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS.**
PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: AOB@stoline.com.au ONLINE: www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com
Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

Guardian Angels Church
Rebecca - 0414 994 928

Mary Immaculate Church
Raphaelle - 0414 915 047

St Joseph the Worker Church
Cathy - 0414 982 749 (Chinese)

*Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy.
We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers
and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

Recently Deceased:

Neale Price & Margaret Dunn

*The names of our sick and
deceased family & friends
Will be recorded in these books*



ASH WEDNESDAY - VIGIL MASS

7pm Tuesday 16th February - Mary Immaculate

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Lenten journey towards Easter begins
on Wednesday, 17th February 2021.

In our parish on this day there will be four Masses.

7am - St Joseph the worker, Labrador

**11:30am - Mary Immaculate, Ashmore
(Guardian Angels Primary School All are welcome)**

9am - Guardian Angels, Southport

**Please note it is essential to register on line
For the Ash Wednesday Mass
<https://scp.org.au/>**

Apostles Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
(all bow)**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from
the dead;**

He ascended into heaven;

**and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty;**

**From there he shall come to judge the
living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And life everlasting.

Amen



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SCARBOROUGH



**All the Cool & Trendy
Back to School GEAR!**



**SHOP 2/115 SCARBOROUGH ST. SOUTHPORT - 5510 2222 (EXT: 4)
OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 9AM TO 4PM
SATURDAY - 9:30AM TO 12:30PM & SUNDAY - 10AM TO 12:30PM**

WANTED - VOLUNTEERS

**@ SCP GIFTSHOP (ANGELS ON SCARBOROUGH)
SHOP 2/115 SCARBOROUGH ST. SOUTHPORT**

Couples would be ideal for this position to mind the Giftshop once a week for only 4 hours (Friday afternoon 12:30pm to 4:30pm). Job training will be provided. Contact Daloras or Maria at the Parish Office (5510 2222)



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ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:
As we begin a new year please remember the suffering Church. Your donation helps keep the faith alive during these difficult times. Visit
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vocation
BRISBANE.com

A VOCATION VIEW. A good Vocation prayer to say every day, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Gather Us In

Here in this place
new light is streaming,
now is the darkness
vanished away.
See, in this space
our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you
in the light of this day.

Gather us in,
the lost and forsaken,
gather us in,
the blind and the lame.
Call to us now
and we shall awaken,
we shall arise
at the sound of our name.

We are the young
our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old
who yearn for your face.
We have been sung
throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light
to the whole human race.

Gather us in,
the rich and the haughty,
gather us in,
the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart
so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage
to enter the song.

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GLORY TO GOD Mass of St Francis

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the
Father.
Amen. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM- SUNG **Seek, O Seek the Lord**

Refrain:
Seek, O seek the Lord,
while he is near,
trust him,
speak to him in prayer,
and he will hear.

God, be with us in our lives,
direct us in our calling.
Break the snares
the world contrives,
keep us from falling. **R**

God, increase in us the life
that Christ by dying gave us.
Though we faint with mortal strife
His blood will save us. **R**

Strengthen in our hearts the love
we owe to one another.
How can we love God above
and not our brother? **R**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

"The sheep of my flock,"

says the Lord",

"hearing my voice, they will listen,
they will follow me, for I know them,
they are mine."

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

GIFTS PROCESSION

Good Shepherd, You Know Us

Good Shepherd, you know us,
you call us by name.
You lead us,
we gladly acknowledge your claim.
Your voice has compelled us,
we come at your call,
and none you have chosen
will finally fall.

Good Shepherd, you warn us
of robbers and thieves, the hireling,
the wolf who destroys and deceives.
All praise for your promise
on which we shall stand,
that no-one can snatch us
away from your hand.

Good Shepherd, you lay down
your life for the sheep.
Your love is not fickle,
your gift is not cheap.
You spend your life freely,
you take it again.
You died, so we live,
we are healed by your pain.

At one with the Father,
you made yourself known,
"I am the Good Shepherd,"
at one with your own.
You loved us
before we had heeded or heard,
by grace we respond
to your life giving word.

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COMMUNION PROCESSION

Here I am Lord

I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? **R**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you
calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people
in my heart.***

I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**

I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**
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REFLECTION HYMN

Let There be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father,
we are family.
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take,
let this be my solemn vow,
to take each moment
and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

God has Spoken by His Prophets

God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word,
each from age to age proclaiming
God the One, the righteous Lord!
In the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast.
God eternal reigns for ever,
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father, ever one,
spoken by the word incarnate,
God, from God, ere time began,
light from light, to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.
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